

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the sorrow felt at  
2 the tragic loss of Jessica Courtney Duke, who passed away on January  
3 29, 2021, at the age of 25; and

4           WHEREAS, The daughter of Kathy Duke, Jess Duke was born on  
5 September 12, 1995, in Lewisville and raised in Highland Village;  
6 she grew up with two brothers, Daniel and Cody, and a sister,  
7 Whitney, and she graduated from Marcus High School in Flower Mound  
8 as a member of the Class of 2014; she went on to find great  
9 satisfaction in working with the elderly, especially those in  
10 memory care; and

11           WHEREAS, In her leisure time, Ms. Duke enjoyed cooking and  
12 baking treats for her loved ones, and she brightened the world for  
13 those around her by sharing her beautiful singing voice; and

14           WHEREAS, Although her life ended far too soon, those  
15 fortunate enough to have known Jess Duke will remember the way she  
16 touched their lives with her kindness, her warmth, and her  
17 wonderful sense of humor, and she will forever hold a treasured  
18 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jessica Courtney  
21 Duke and extend sincere condolences to the members of her family: to  
22 her mother, Kathy Duke; to her siblings, Daniel, Cody, and Whitney  
23 Duke; to her "bonus dad," William Travis; to her "bonus sister,"  
24 Dani Travis; to her grandparents, Doug and Ruby Burleson and Marlin

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1 and Glenda Duke; to her aunts and uncles, Brian and Michelle  
2 Burleson and Kevin and Lori Duke; and to her many other relatives  
3 and friends; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jess Duke.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1078 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 14, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House